

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANT(S): Sumi Kato, et al. ATTY. DOCKET NO.: 09792909-6061  
SERIAL NO.: Unknown GROUP ART UNIT: Unknown  
DATE FILED: December 23, 2004 EXAMINER: Unknown  
INVENTION: "IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD"

Mail Stop: PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED US PATENT REFERENCES

|    | <u>Number</u> | <u>Inventor(s)</u> | <u>Date of Publication</u> |
|----|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| AA | 2002/0048014  | Kono, et al.       | April 25, 2002             |
| AB | 6,018,586     | Kamei              | January 25, 2000           |

II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

|    | <u>Number</u>   | <u>Country</u> | <u>Date of Publication</u> |
|----|---|----------------|----------------------------|
| AH | JP07-210655   | Japan          | August 11, 1995            |
| AI | JP2001-144960   | Japan          | May 25, 2001               |
| AJ | JP06-339028   | Japan          | December 6, 1994           |
| AK | JP2002-135589   | Japan          | May 10, 2002               |
| AL | JP2002-92616<br>(Japanese counterpart to US 2002/0048014) | Japan          | March 29, 2002             |
| AM | JP08-287255<br>(Japanese counterpart to US 6,018,586)     | Japan          | November 1, 1996           |

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /AB/

104518671-6A-L2624

DT15 REC'D/PWPTD 23 DEC 2004

-2-

Docket No. 09792909-6061

III. OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above-identified references were cited in the International Search Report of August 17, 2004, in counterpart PCT/JP2004/006328. A copy of the International Search Report is submitted herewith.

Submitted by,



(Reg. 32,919)

David R. Metzger  
SONNENSCHEIN NATH & ROSENTHAL LLP  
P.O. Box 061080  
Wacker Drive Station - Sears Tower  
Chicago, IL 60606-1080  
Telephone: 312/876-8000  
Attorneys for Applicant(s)  
Customer #26263

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /AB/

|  |  |                                  |                        |
|--|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 37 CFR 1.501<br>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT<br>IN A PATENT<br>(use several sheets if necessary) |  | Doc. No.<br>09792909-6061        | Serial No.<br>10518607 |
|  |  | Applicants:<br>Sumi Kato, et al. |                        |
|  |  | Filing Date<br>December 23, 2004 | Group Art Unit         |

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| Examiner's Initials |    | Document Number | Date    | Name         | Class | Subclass | Filing Date If appropriate |
|---------------------|----|-----------------|---------|--------------|-------|----------|----------------------------|
|                     | AA | 2002/0048014    | 4-25-02 | Kono, et al. |       |          |                            |
|                     | AB | 6,018,5856      | 1-25-00 | Kamei        |       |          |                            |
|                     | AC |                 |         |              |       |          |                            |
|                     | AD |                 |         |              |       |          |                            |
|                     | AE |                 |         |              |       |          |                            |
|                     | AF |                 |         |              |       |          |                            |
|                     | AG |                 |         |              |       |          |                            |

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

|    | Document Number | Date    | Country | Class | Subclass | Translation |    |
|----|-----------------|---------|---------|-------|----------|-------------|----|
|    |                 |         |         |       |          | Yes         | No |
| AH | JP07-210655     | 8-11-95 | Japan   |       |          | Abstract    |    |
| AI | JP2001-144960   | 5-25-01 | Japan   |       |          | Abstract    |    |
| AJ | JP06-339028     | 12-6-94 | Japan   |       |          | Abstract    |    |
| AK | JP2002-135589   | 5-10-02 | Japan   |       |          | Abstract    |    |
| AL | JP2002-92616    | 3-29-02 | Japan   |       |          |             |    |
| AM | JP08-287255     | 11-1-96 | Japan   |       |          |             |    |
| AN |                 |         |         |       |          |             |    |
| AO |                 |         |         |       |          |             |    |
| AP |                 |         |         |       |          |             |    |
| AQ |                 |         |         |       |          |             |    |
| AR |                 |         |         |       |          |             |    |
| AS |                 |         |         |       |          |             |    |
| AT |                 |         |         |       |          |             |    |

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

|    |  |
|----|--|
| AU |  |
| AV |  |
| AW |  |
| AX |  |
| AY |  |
| AZ |  |

Examiner /Ali Bayat/ Date Considered 06/18/2008

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /AB/